

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:
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BL 1701 14th DC, LLC,
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t/a Bluestone Lane
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1701 14th Street NW
: Show Cause
Retailer CR - ANC 2F
: Hearing (Status)
Case # 23-CMP-00056
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License #114952
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(Failed to Obtain a
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Summer Garden
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Endorsement, Substantial
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Change in Operation
:
Without Board Approval)
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Wednesday
October 18th, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis
Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson
Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

- DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
JAMESON CHARLES, DC ABCA Staff
ANTHONY CELO, DC OAG
MATTHEW MINORA, Licensee's Counsel

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 11:16 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The  
4 next case in our calendar is Case Number 23-CMP-  
5 00056, Bluestone Lane, License Number 114952. Mr.  
6 Orellana, can you please elevate the rights of  
7 the license in this case, please?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Access has been  
9 elevated. That is all, Chairman.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Good  
11 morning, Mr. Cello. Can you please identify  
12 yourself for the record, please?

13 MR. CELO: Earl Anthony Celo.  
14 A-N-T-H-O-N-Y C-E-L-O, on behalf of the District.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
16 sir. Mr. Minora, can you please spell and state  
17 your name for the record?

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19 MR. MINORA: Sure. Matthew Minora.  
20 M-A-T-T-H-E-W M-I-N-O-R-A, from the law firm of  
21 Mallios O'Brien & Sandground. We're licensed  
22 counsel for the licensee. Thank you, sir.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cello, are  
24 there any preliminary matters in this case?

25 MR. CELO: No, Mr. Chair. Only to note

1 that the parties are in negotiations and we do  
2 expect this matter will be able to be settled.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. If  
4 this matter is not settled, it is now scheduled  
5 for a Show Cause hearing on November 1 at 1:30  
6 p.m. I want to advise the parties that seven days  
7 before the hearing you are required to disclose  
8 documents and witnesses.

9 Failure by either side to disclose the  
10 documents or witnesses seven days before the  
11 hearing to the other side and to the Agency if  
12 unless reasonable causes shown, the board is  
13 empowered to provide to prevent that party from  
14 relying on those documents and witnesses that  
15 have not been disclosed. Any question groups?

16 MR. CELO: No, not from the government.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Thank  
18 you very much. Have a great day.

19 MR. CELO: Thank you.

20 MR. MINORA: Thank you. Bye.

21 (Whereupon the above entitled matter  
22 went off the record at 11:18 a.m.)  
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